

Recommended Projects to Receive
2013 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program:
Local Solicitation Allocations

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Proposed to streamline justice funding and grant administration, the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program allows states, tribes, and local governments to support a broad range of activities to prevent and control crime based on their own local needs and conditions. JAG blends the previous Byrne Formula and Local Law Enforcement Block Grant (LLEBG) Programs to provide agencies with the flexibility to prioritize and place justice funds where they are needed most. The stated purpose of the JAG program is to underwrite projects that reduce crime and improve public safety.

Please note that the programs below are proposed and are being presented to governing boards for final approval. If any changes or updates are made, they will be reflected here in as timely a manner as possible.

Maricopa County, \$235,315

Maricopa County intends to utilize a **part-time Grant Administrator** (\$64,360) to oversee and coordinate the reporting requirements for this four-year grant.

Adult Probation, \$56,985 - Community Restitution is a restorative justice program. It is a community corrections sanction that allows the victims and neighborhoods to recover from the financial and emotional harm caused by crime. It also affords the probationer an opportunity to give back for the harm that was caused by his/her crime. Community Restitution projects are performed for non-profit and government agencies throughout Maricopa County. These program support positions will interview and access the needs of probationers who are ordered Community Restitution hours. They will assess the probationer's skill level, evaluate the probationer's offense for appropriate agency placement while recognizing health and special medical needs. They will select a compatible Community Restitution work assignment for the probationer that will enhance self worth and provide a sense of accomplishment. These positions will maintain probationers' Community Restitution records, enter completed work hours in the statewide probationer database, and maintain liaison with community agencies and probation personnel. They tabulate statistics for monthly reports and verify Community Restitution timesheets. As a result, this Department can monitor and advise the Court as to the probationer's compliance with court orders and the actual completion of court-ordered and statutorily-ordered community restitution hours. It also will allow Adult Probation to have accurate and timely information for its Managing for Results Community Restoration performance results.

County Attorney's Office, Gun Violence Reduction, \$56,985 - The Maricopa County Attorney's Office (MCAO) will use these funds to support one prosecutor position. The Maricopa County Attorney's Office continues to receive law enforcement submissions for high numbers of firearms-related crime in Maricopa County. These are crimes involving allegations of dangerousness where significant violence or deadly force is present or implied during the commission of a crime. Prosecution of criminal offenders is the County Attorney's top mandate. Many of the deadly weapon crimes are committed by the most dangerous criminals and require the attention of the most experienced prosecutors. Additionally, a very high percentage of these cases go to trial. Through the assignment of one prosecutor, the County Attorney will be able to focus attention on dangerous crime and close firearm-related cases in shorter timeframes. The Maricopa County Attorney's Office continues to work cooperatively with the U.S. Attorney's Office, the U. S. Marshal's Office, the Federal Bureau of Investigations, the Maricopa County Sheriff's Office, Phoenix Police Department, and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (BATFE), to achieve a reduction in violent firearm crime.

Juvenile Probation, Case Carrying JPO Retention Program, \$56,985 – The Juvenile Probation Department (JPD) will continue to fund one case-carrying Juvenile Probation Officer currently supported

through the JAG 2012 grant. The probation supervision provided by these Juvenile Probation Officer positions support community safety efforts of the Juvenile Probation Department, within the Standard Probation and Special Supervision Units.

City of Avondale, \$24,702

The Crime Victim Advocate is available to assist all victims of crime within the City of Avondale from the time the crime is reported until the case is adjudicated. The victim advocate is available to provide specific services to victims including: case status updates, mandated victim rights, crisis intervention, assistance with obtaining orders of protection/injunctions against harassment, assistance navigating through the judicial process, escort to court, information and referral, assistance with filing victim compensation claims, emergency financial assistance, and follow up contact. The Victim Services Unit promotes respect and empowerment of victims; and their rights throughout the judicial process.

City of Chandler, \$51,115

Investigative and Educational Project – This project will purchase necessary investigative and educational equipment for the Chandler Police Department (CPD). Cameras will be purchased for the Crime Scene Unit to record various crime scenes for the department. Digital recording devices will be purchased and provided to each officer to record various interactions while in the field. Portable tablets will be purchased for the Narcotics Unit and will be used for surveillance operations. RAD (Rape Aggression Defense) protection equipment for children will be used to educate them on how to protect themselves.

Town of Gilbert, \$14,674

The Town of Gilbert will be utilizing the 2013 JAG funds to **purchase 3 LIDAR units** to be used by the Gilbert Police Department Patrol and Traffic Teams. LIDAR (light detection and ranging) has become a reliable tool for speed enforcement, especially in congested traffic conditions.

The Town will also utilize the 2013 JAG funds to **purchase digital cameras** for its police patrol teams (one camera unit per police patrol team). Assigning a digital camera to each patrol team affords us the ability to collect valuable photographic evidence for cases where a detective/specialized investigator is not available or necessary (e.g., misdemeanor crimes).

The costs associated with these equipment purchases are as follows:

- 1) PROLASER III LIDAR unit @ \$3,323.63 per unit (we desire three units)
- 2) Digital camera @ \$200.00 per unit (we desire 12 units).

The police budget will provide funding if the total expenditure exceeds the awarded grant allocation allowance.

City of Glendale, \$86,334

The City of Glendale will use the JAG 2013 allocation to supplement funding to replace its current Computer Aided Dispatch and Records Management System (CAD/RMS). The replacement CAD/RMS include modules for booking, records management, dispatch, field reporting, property and evidence management, and crime analysis. They provide enhanced access to critical information for officers responding to calls for service, and support the rapid access and correlation of crime data essential to pursuing effective investigations. The 2013 award will pay for Professional Services to program additional functionality needed in the new system. Examples of the types of enhancements the City is proposing are:

- 1) The City's Property/Evidence Room is nearing full capacity. To more effectively utilize the existing space and improve efficiency, additional programming services are needed to

automatically notify officers of items eligible for Disposal Review. Officers will have the option of approving disposal or continued retention of the item(s) on-line.

- 2) Currently, the submission of criminal cases to the Maricopa County Attorney's Office (MCAO) and the City Prosecutor's Office is a paper process. The City is working with MCAO and the City Prosecutor's Office to send data electronically. If implemented, this enhancement would reduce travel needed by City staff to deliver paper reports and charging documents to these agencies. Also, as cases would be submitted electronically, the interface will reduce the amount of duplicative data entry needed by MCAO and the City Prosecutor's Office and will assist in ensuring that requests for further investigation are handled more expeditiously, and with greater accountability.

City of Goodyear, \$7,948

The City of Goodyear will be purchasing storage containers (equipment) for our Property and Evidence Facility. In 2012, the City was audited by the International Association of Property and Evidence and received a recommendation that all cardboard boxes should be replaced with containers consistent with best practices. The appropriate containers must prevent cross contamination and/or loss of property. The City's Property and Evidence Facility includes storage space that has specific shelf configurations that require a uniquely sized container. The City has located a vendor for these containers and will be using the JAG funds to order enough containers for current needs and to accommodate the growth of the Police Department.

City of Mesa, \$127,177

In 2012 the Mesa Police Department began a pilot program to use fingerprint identification technology by our officers in the field. The system allows officers to verify a subject's identification against the State's identification system managed by the Department of Public Safety. The devices have been very successful in helping our officers make better decisions in the field and improving officer safety. In addition, identifying subjects using the devices has reduced the number of times officers have to bring subjects into the station to complete an identification process. In January 2013, the department purchased 30 additional devices and deployed them across the department. This request is to purchase additional devices under the Byrne/JAG program. The request is to include a warranty program for the devices during the life of the grant.

City of Peoria, \$19,566

Law Enforcement Training and Supplies – The Peoria Police Department is requesting funding for various law enforcement supplies and equipment including the following: victim assistance supplies, eCitation handheld devices and training and supplies for the expansion of forensic cell phone investigation. The purchase of supplies for the Victim Assistance Unit will provide essential items to the victims of domestic violence and other major crimes (\$3,270). Two eCitation handheld units will be purchased (\$5,470). Various computer hardware and software items will be purchased to enhance forensic cell phone examination (hardware \$6,546 and software \$1,000). Training will be provided to the investigator(s) participating in forensic cell phone examination (\$3,280).

City of Phoenix, \$632,462

1. Project BRAVE, Parks and Recreation Department, \$164,255

Project BRAVE (Bringing Reality About Violence Education) is a violence prevention education program that was created with the goal of decreasing violence in our community through awareness, leadership training activities, and effective partnerships with other local agencies. Project BRAVE provides no cost comprehensive workshops to youth ages 10-18 where they are taught life skills and healthy alternatives to violence and other self destructive behaviors. Project BRAVE augments workshop sessions with powerful

High Visibility stage productions (Plays, Talent Revues, and school assemblies) that emphasize prevention education themes before live audiences.

2. Records Management System (RMS), Police Department, \$468,207

Phoenix citizens approved \$15 million in 2006 Bond funds for the replacement of the nearly 28-year-old Police Automated Computer Entry (PACE) system. PACE is the records management system used by the Police Department to store and track all Department Reports (DRs), the victims, suspects, witnesses, vehicles and associated property related to those DRs. The Records Management System (RMS) Project is underway to replace PACE. The software and most of the hardware necessary to run the program is budgeted within the bond funds and other funding sources. The funds received through the Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) would fund unbudgeted training equipment and software necessary to roll out this new system to the entire Police Department, as well as for continuing education. This grant would also provide additional components such as hardware, software or training to system administration of the RMS. Many of these components are as yet unidentified and unfunded.

City of Scottsdale Police Department \$28,126

The Scottsdale Police Department will purchase a nationwide interoperability platform which will be used in many large scale venues, linking public safety and critical infrastructure entities such as transportation authorities, healthcare facilities, stadiums, shopping malls and utilities. The system will interconnect and share various radio communication systems, telephony and video networks enabling fast and secure communication between entities. Interoperability between Scottsdale Police and other users will aim to facilitate coordination of emergency services without major loss of communication, increase levels of available information resulting in quick decision making, accurate assessments and immediate and calculated responses to any event. This would be a technology improvement, as the Scottsdale Police Department does not currently have this capability.

City of Tempe, 59,798

The Tempe Police Department intends to utilize this grant to fund Sworn Overhire Officers and Crime Suppression Efforts.

Overhire Program for Sworn Officer (\$30,000) – Taking into consideration that it takes over 12 months from the time a new police officer is hired until he or she is able to work solo, this program ensures a continuous pool of qualified candidates is moved through the hiring and training process to address the immediate and future staffing needs of the Department. It is critical that any vacancies are filled quickly, as there are long term repercussions if hiring lags occur.

Hire Law Enforcement Personnel for Crime Suppression Efforts (\$29,798) – The Tempe Police Department seeks to improve its current law enforcement programs through enhanced crime suppression efforts. Specifically, three grant positions will be funded to meet defined law enforcement objectives. The first objective is to improve the Department's proactive efforts to communicate with the community through social media. Enhanced communication between the public and the Department enhances our current community policing philosophy and practice to engage the public as the eyes and ears of the Department. The second objective is to enhance the Department's ability to proactively monitor social media in preparation for events/issues, and providing social media investigative assistance. The third objective is enhance the Departments current research and planning activities through increased staff to create and maintain GIS data layers, undertake Census research, and assist in preparing data for analysis. In totality, meeting these three objectives through increased staffing will enhance the Department's law enforcement programs.